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44. (Amended) The method of claim [42] 43, wherein said weight ratio is 1:4, 1:1 or 2:1 [the concentration of the silane is between about one-tenth percent and about ten percent].

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52. (Amended) The method of claim [36] 35, wherein step (b) further comprises [comprising] oxidizing said substrate [the medical device] prior to applying said mixture [the silane and the heparin-tridodecylmethylammonium chloride].

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55. (Amended) The method of claim [53] 35, wherein said mixture further comprises [comprising: providing] at least one of a wetting agent, a surface acting agent [in conjunction with applying the coating] and a film-forming agent.

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57. (Amended) The [method] medical device of claim [56] 27, wherein [the film forming] said film-forming agent is selected from the group consisting of cellulose esters, polydialkyl siloxanes, polyurethanes, acrylic polymers, elastomers, biodegradable polymers, polylactic acid, polyglycolic acid, copolymers of polylactic acid, [and] copolymers of polyglycolic acid and poly(e-caprolactone).

Remarks

Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1, 4-8, 11-14, 16-19, 27, 33-35, 37-39, 43-44, 52, 55 and 57 are pending in the application, with 1, 14 and 35 being the independent claims. Claims 2, 3, 9, 10, 15, 20-26, 28-32, 36, 40-42, 45-51, 53, 54, 56, 58 and 59 are sought to be canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

The claims have been amended to clarify that which Applicants regard as their invention. No claim has been amended in view of any prior art reference.

The amended claims are fully supported by the specification; no new matter has been added by the present amendments.

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It is believed that application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification to this effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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